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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS OF IMPROVING HEALTH-
RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE IN
INDIVIDUALS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS
ERYTHEMATOSUS BY ADMINISTERING
DOUBLE-STRANDED DNA EPITOPES (AS
AMENDED)

Examiner: G. Ewoldt

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2008 (Paper No./Mail Date 608), for which a response was due on September 16, 2008. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 16, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.